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**Re: Supreme Court Approval of Application Requesting Multicounty  
Litigation Designation of the Tasigna® Cases**

Dear Ms. Muhlstock:

The Supreme Court has granted your application requesting multicounty litigation (MCL) designation of New Jersey state-court litigation alleging injuries as a result of use of the drug Tasigna®. The Court assigned this MCL to Bergen County for centralized management by Superior Court Judge Rachelle Harz.

This will also serve to acknowledge receipt and consideration of two submissions received after the closure of the comment period, that is, Defendant's May 3, 2021 supplemental letter and your reply of May 4, 2021.

Enclosed are (1) the Supreme Court's April 6, 2021 Order; and (2) the May 28, 2021 Notice to the Bar advising of the Court's action in this matter. Judge Harz's Initial Case Management Order will be posted on the Judiciary's Internet website ([www.njcourts.gov](http://www.njcourts.gov)) at <http://njcourts.gov/attorneys/mcl/index.html>. I would ask that you provide any counsel of record with copies of this letter and enclosures.

Any questions regarding this matter may be directed to Melissa A. Czartoryski, Esq., Chief in the Civil Practice Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts at [Melissa.Czartoryski@njcourts.gov](mailto:Melissa.Czartoryski@njcourts.gov) or at (609) 815-2900 ext. 54900.

Very truly yours,



Glen A. Grant, J.A.D.

Enclosures

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## SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

On application made pursuant to Rule 4:38A and the Multicounty Litigation Guidelines and Criteria for Designation (Revised) promulgated by Directive #02-19 in accordance with that Rule, it is hereby ORDERED that all pending and future New Jersey state court actions against Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation alleging injuries as a result of the use of the drug Tasigna® for treatment of chronic myeloid leukemia, be designated as multicounty litigation ("MCL") for centralized management purposes; and

It is FURTHER ORDERED that any and all such complaints that have been filed in the various counties and that are under or are awaiting case management and/or discovery shall be transferred from the county of venue to the Superior Court, Law Division, Bergen County and that, pursuant to N.J. Const. (1947), Art.VI, sec.2, par.3, the provisions of Rule 4:3-2 governing venue in the Superior Court are supplemented and relaxed so that all future such complaints, no matter where they might be venued, shall be filed in Bergen County; and

It is FURTHER ORDERED that Superior Court Judge Rachelle L. Harz shall oversee management and trial issues for such cases and may, in her discretion, return such cases to the original county of venue for disposition, and

It is FURTHER ORDERED that no Mediator or Master may be appointed in this litigation without the express prior approval of the Chief Justice.

For the Court,



Chief Justice

Dated: April 6, 2021